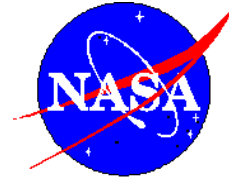


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NASA Visitor Center Star Party Scheduled for December 29

1 p.m. – Our Star the Sun

The Sun is approaching solar max, the peak in its 11-year cycle, and the number of sunspots is increasing. Take a peek through the Visitor Center's telescope and find out how many sunspots are visible. The telescope is equipped with a solar filter allowing safe viewing of the Sun. This event will be cancelled if it is raining or overcast skies.

4 p.m. -- "Stars-in-the-Sky" Children create star charts and learn how to recognize some of the better-known constellations in the sky. Parents are encouraged to attend this 30-minute "hands-on" program. No reservations are necessary and all materials are provided by the NASA Visitor Center.

6 p.m. to 10 p.m. -- "Evening Sky" Watch the stars become visible after sunset. Find the circumpolar constellations and get a closer view of stars and planets through our telescope. If you have your own telescope, bring it along! This event will be cancelled if it is raining or overcast skies.

Teachers: Ask for a Space Science educator packet. Available while supplies last.

"Space Ace"

Children aged 5-10 years old can earn a "Space Ace" certificate and a lithograph during their Visitor Center experience by completing an activity sheet.

The Visitor Center, part of the Robert L. Krieger Education Complex, is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. It is located on Route 175 about six miles from Route 13 and five miles from Chincoteague, VA. Admission to Visitor Center Programs is free. For further information, please call (757) 824-2298.

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